

APPROVED MINUTES of the Special
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in
City Hall on September 28, 2017, at 11:15 P.M.

PRESENT:

KIRSTIN BUCCI
JULIE KILLIAN
TERRENCE McCARTNEY
RICHARD MECCA
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

JOSEPH A. SACK, Mayor
EMILY HURD
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN
Councilmembers

The regular meeting of the City Council convened at 11:15 A.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Killian called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Deputy Mayor Killian asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

3. Resolution to transfer \$16,290 from the Cable TV Unassigned Fund balance to the Cable TV Operating Budget to retain The Buske Group to complete a community needs assessment review as part of the cable franchise renewal process.

Deputy Mayor Killian stated that the City had franchise agreements with Altice/Cablevision and Verizon to operation public access channels. Those agreements will be expired at the end of 2017 and in March of 2018. In order to prepare for negotiations, the City will need to perform a needs assessment as identified in federal law. The completion of this process can be worth about \$300,000 per year to the City for the duration of the agreement. It is important to make sure that the City has a good assessment in place. The City has recently retained and attorney to assist in this important negotiation.

Councilman McCartney asked about the possibility of a focus group. Councilwoman Bucci responded that while a focus group can be advantageous, time is of the essence. The cost/benefit did not suggest that it would be beneficial under this time constraint. Deputy Mayor

Killian added that the Cable Commission will be heavily involved which allows citizens to have an input in the process.

Councilwoman Bucci made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, City staff has determined that the amounts required to perform a needs assessment review for the cable franchise renewal negotiations was not anticipated and was not provided for in the adopted 2017 budget by \$16,290, and;

WHEREAS, the Cable TV Unassigned Fund balance has enough funds to be appropriated to engage The Buske Group to complete the community needs assessment for the City, now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$16,290 from the Cable TV Unassigned Fund balance to the Cable TV Operating Budget to complete a community needs assessment review as part of the cable franchise renewal process.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmembers Bucci, Killian, McCartney and Mecca
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Sack, Councilwoman Hurd, Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein

4. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman McCartney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca to adjourn the Special Meeting of the City Council at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. D'Andrea
City Clerk